

KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Tuesday April 10, 2018 2:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Knox County Commission was held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at 2:00 P.M., at the county courthouse, 62 Union Street, Rockland, Maine.

Commission members present were: Carol L. Maines, Commissioner District # 1, Richard L. Parent, Jr., Commissioner District #2, and Sharyn L. Pohlman, Commissioner District #3.

County staff present included: County Administrator Andrew Hart, Administrative Assistant Wendy Galvin, Finance Director Kathy Robinson, District Attorney Jonathan Liberman, Chief Deputy Timothy Carroll, Airport Manager Jeff Northgraves, EMA Director Ray Sisk, and Major John Hinkley.

Others in attendance: Attorney Jamie Belleau, Dorothy Meriweather, Theodore Berry & Dr. Ira Mandel.

Regular Meeting – Agenda

Tuesday – April 10, 2018 – 2:00 P.M.

- I. 2:00 Meeting Called To Order**
- II. 2:01 Presentation**
 - 1. Employee Recognition Presentations.
- III. 2:30 Public Comment -** Public Comment during other portions of the meeting will only be granted by permission of the chair.
- IV. 2:45 Consent Items**
 - 1. Approve Consent Items as Presented:
 - i. Agenda - Non Agenda Items Only Permitted if Emergency in Nature.
 - ii. Minutes of Regular Commission Meeting of February 13, 2018.
 - iii. Minutes of Special Commission Meeting of February 20, 2018.
 - iv. Minutes of Regular Commission Meeting of March 19, 2018.
 - v. Monthly Written Departmental Reports.
 - vi. Reserve Withdrawals.
- V. 2:50 Action Items**
 - 1. Act to Adopt the Resolution Authorizing Knox County to Join a Lawsuit Against Opiate Drug Companies and to Authorize the County Administrator to Engage the Services of Napoli Shkolnik PLLC and Trafton, Matzen, Belleau & Frenette, LLP for the Purpose of Pursuing Legal Claims in the Recovery of Costs Incurred by Knox County Due to the Opioid Crisis.
 - 2. Act to Award Bid for one (1) New Transport Van for use by the Sheriff's Department – Jail Division.
 - 3. Act on Appointments to the Airport Public Advisory Committee (APAC).
 - 4. Act to Approve the Date and Time for an Open House of the Airport Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) Building.
 - 5. Act on and Approve the Transfers to Reserves from the 2017 Budget.
- VI. 3:10 Discussion Items**
 - 1. Update on Jail Roof Repair/Replacement Project.
 - 2. Update on Jail HVAC Repair/Replacement Project.
 - 3. Update on Courthouse HVAC Project.
 - 4. Quarterly Joint Budget Meeting with Budget Committee/Commission.
- VII. 3:15 Other Business**
- VIII. Adjourn**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Commission Chair Maines called the regular meeting of the Knox County Commission to order at 2:20 P.M. (Later than scheduled due to Employee Recognition Presentations.)

II. Presentation

1. Employee Recognition Presentations

III. Public Comment

Commissioner Maines asked for public comment:

Theodore Berry spoke regarding:

1. Specific jail standards of allowing detainees to make two (2) phone calls prior to booking.
2. Mr. Berry feels that Federal Habeas Petition should be known by all employees from the Knox County Jail; he stated that, to his knowledge, there is no process or training for the employees.
3. Confirmation bias within a Knox County department.

Ira Mandel would like to invite whoever wants to attend a meeting tonight, at 6:00 P.M., at the Rockland Public Library, put on by Lincoln County Recovery Collaborative. Chief Deputy Carroll will be going to represent the Sheriff's office and Commissioner Maines will be attending as well.

IV. Consent Items

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- *A motion was made by Commissioner Pohlman to approve the consent items as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parent. A vote was taken with all in favor.*

V. Action Items

1. **Act to Adopt the Resolution Authorizing Knox County to Join a Lawsuit Against Opiate Drug Companies and to Authorize the County Administrator to Engage the Services of Napoli Shkolnik, PLLC and Trafton, Matzen, Belleau & Frenette, LLP for the Purpose of Pursuing Legal Claims in the Recovery of Costs Incurred by Knox County Due to the Opioid Crisis.**

A presentation was given at a recent meeting of the Maine County Commissioners Association concerning the initiation of a class action lawsuit to recover costs associated with the opioid epidemic. The resolution will be considered for approval by the Commission as well as the Services Engagement document that is included in the Commission meeting packet.

Jamie Belleau from Napoli Shkolnik, PLLC & Trafton, Matzen, Belleau & Frenette, LLP, stated this Lawsuit is pursuing fraud and false advertising regarding pain killers. Napoli Shkolnik, PLLC and Trafton, Matzen, Belleau & Frenette, LLP represent ten (10) Maine Counties in this lawsuit. The statistics show that nineteen (19) people died in 2016-2017 in Knox County due to opioid abuse. If a county is awarded money from this Lawsuit, it will be up to the county to decide what to do with the money. It is important to note that 25% of any recovery is non-negotiable and must be made payable to the law firm. The only cost to the counties is the staff time spent on putting the cases together. Commissioner Pohlman would like the Commissioners to receive the presentation along with a list of other counties that are joining in on the Lawsuit before deciding on whether or not to join the lawsuit.

- *A motion was made by Commissioner Pohlman to table for one month to join a Lawsuit Against Opiate Drug Companies and to Authorize the County Administrator to Engage the Services of Napoli Shkolnik PLLC and Trafton, Matzen, Belleau & Frenette, LLP for the Purpose of Pursuing Legal Claims in the Recovery of Costs Incurred by Knox County Due to the "plaid Crisis. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parent. A vote was taken with all in favor. (A PowerPoint presentation will be distributed for all to review.)*
2. **Act to Award Bid for One (1) New Transport Van for Use by the Sheriff's Department — Jail Division.**
 The County sent out an RFP to four (4) vehicle vendors for one (1) new passenger transport van to be used by the Jail Transport Division. County Administrator Hart stated we received only one bid; it was from Shepard Toyota in Thomaston, Maine for a 2018 Toyota, all wheel drive transport van for \$34,081.00. Chief Deputy Carroll recommended that the County purchase this van.
- *A motion was made by Commissioner Pohlman to approve the Act to Award Bid for One (1) New Transport Van for Use by the Sheriff's Department — Jail Division - to Shepard Toyota for \$34,081.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parent. A vote was taken with all in favor.*
3. **Act on Appointments to the Airport Public Advisory Committee (APAC)**
 The Airport Public Advisory Committee and Airport Manager Northgraves made the following recommendations for appointments to the APAC this year:
- **Maynard Curtis, District #1 Seat**, Owls Head, re-appoint for 3 year term through 2021.
 - **Dick Witherspoon, District #3 Seat**, North Haven, re-appoint for 3 year term through 2021.
 - **Vivian Newman**, Environmental Seat, South Thomaston, re-appoint for 3 year term through 2021.
 - **Greg Peet, Business Seat**, South Thomaston, re-appoint for 3 year term through 2021.
- All four current terms will expire this year, and all are willing to run again.
- *A motion was made by Commissioner Parent to Act on Appointments to the Airport Public Advisory Committee (APAC). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pohlman. A vote was taken with all in favor.*
4. **Act to Approve the Date and Time for an Open House of the Airport Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) Building.**
 Airport Manager Northgraves requested approval for open house for the newly renovated Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) Building on Wednesday April 18, 2018 at 3:00 P.M., with Monday April 23, 2018 at 3:00 P.M. as a back-up date. There will be refreshments (hotdogs and hamburgers).
- *A motion was made by Commissioner Parent to Approve the Date and Time noted above for an Open House of the Airport Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) Building. A motion was seconded by Commissioner Pohlman. A vote was taken with all in favor.*
5. **Act on and Approve the Transfers to Reserves from the 2017 Budget.**
 County Administrator Hart requested approval of the Transfer to Reserves from the 2017 Budget as shown in the chart below, which was prepared by Finance Director Robinson. All of the transfers were budgeted in 2017.

Account Name	Account No.	Amount
Airport	200008-12885	
Airport Computer	461608-14600	
Airport Equipment	461608-14610	

Airport Projects	461608-14640	
Contingency Expense	200008-12700	
Courthouse Computer	200008-12660	
DARE	200008-10070	\$295.00
Deeds Surcharge	200008-12740	\$23,008.51
Dispatch Computer	561800-12605	
Dispatch Misc. Equipment	561800-12625	
BMA Disaster	200008-12880	
Forfeiture Money - State	200008-12870	\$11,453.00
Generator	200008-12766	
Health Insurance	200008-12600	
Jail Capital, Renovations & Maintenance	861808-12820	\$7,138.95
Jail Computer	861808-12800	
Jail Training	861808-12875	
Jail Vehicle	861808-12850	
Legal Expense	200008-12650	
Maintenance & Renovations	200008-12680	\$600.00
Matching Funds	200008 - 10085	
Ortho imagery	200008 - 12767	
Probate Surcharge	200008 - 12750	
Resignation	200008-12670	
Retirement	200008 - 12890	
Security Deposit	200008-12620	
Sheriff Vehicles	200008-12770	\$620.15
Sheriffs Computer	200008-12760	
Unemployment Compensation	200008-12610	
TOTAL	29	\$43,115.61

- *A motion was made by Commissioner Parent to Approve the Transfers to Reserves from the 2017 Budget as noted in the chart above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pohlman. A vote was taken with all in favor.*

VI. Discussion Items

1. Update on Jail Roof Repair/Replacement Project.

County Administrator Hart reported that an SMRT representative met with Chief Deputy Carroll and Major Hinkley regarding the Jail roof. The roof has been wet, and the insulation underneath is weak. SMRT would like to complete another scan. It has been determined that the roof is not in that bad of shape. One recommendation is that we should just continue to keep patching the roof for now. In about 10 years we should consider replacing the roof. We have two choices: 1) to further investigate, or 2) do some replacements to the roof. We are awaiting the official report from SMRT.

2. Update on Jail HVAC Repair/Replacement Project.

There is nothing new with the Jail HVAC Repair Project to report on at this time.

3. Update on Courthouse HVAC Project.

County Administrator Hart reported that the boilers have been ordered and they will need to be installed by using a crane, due to, their size and weight. The chiller has been ordered and should be here the first week of July. Fan coil units have also been ordered. The County will need to determine how to dispose of the older coil units; they would have to be sand blasted due to the type of paint currently on them in order to sell them, or we can have the old coils disposed of.

4. Quarterly Joint Budget Meeting With Budget Committee/Commission.

A Budget Committee/Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 26th, at 5:00 P.M. Items on the Agenda include the KRCC Deputy Director position and IT staffing.

VII. Other Business

VIII. Adjourn

- *A motion was made by Commissioner Parent to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pohlman. A vote was taken with all in favor.*

The meeting adjourned at 4:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Galvin
Administrative Assistant

The Knox County Commission approved the April 10th minutes at their regular meeting on May 8, 2018.